



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 4 PARENT INFORMATION



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Year 4 Staff

Lime Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Wheaton (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Hussey (Fri) Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dunn

Larch Class – Class Teacher: Miss Taylor Teaching Assistant: Mr Pestridge

Year 4 Additional Tas: Mrs Sage (Mon-Weds) Miss Berry (Thurs-Fri)

Leader of Learning for Woodlands Team (Y3 & 4): Mrs Bunting

PPA Cover every other Tuesday a class will have PPA. This is covered by Mrs Hill and Mr Atkinson. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. Please wear warmer clothes (navy joggers and navy hoodie) in the colder months and please take out earrings on these days.

Our Learning

During the course of the year our topics will be:

Term 1 - Light and Sound

Term 2 - Frozen

Term 3 - Chocolate

Term 4 - The Water Cycle

Term 5 - Europe

Term 6 - The Human Body

For the first few weeks, we are spending time gauging where the children are in their Maths and English learning, so we can plan to fill any gaps. Please be reassured that we are taking time to ensure everyone settles back in to school life after the summer holidays.

Learning is cross curricular and we will continue to focus on deepening understanding of Maths through the mastery approach and English skills. Children will be expected to write in Standard English and expectations of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be high.

Alongside our academic curriculum, children are taught a range of skills which help them to become resilient citizens. As well as a focus on our Core Values, pupils will have regular RHE (Relationship & Health Education) sessions and develop their knowledge and the use of Zones of Regulation. These zones help children to recognise and communicate how they are feeling in a safe, non-judgemental way. Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year once we have bookings and availability confirmed.

Water Bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday; please ensure this is water only. They may also bring in a fruit snack for playtime. If it is cut fruit, please put this in a named container.

Timestables

It is an expectation that children in Year 4 know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. At the end of the year there is a Statutory Timestable check which the children will take part in. To help them prepare for this, children will continue to be regularly tested in class. Timestables should also be practiced regularly at home and children can access Timestables Rockstars using their login. A reminder of their login will be sent home with them in their blue reading record books.

Learning at Home

Children are expected to read aloud at home at least 3 times a week and the contact book should be signed. However, reading books need to be in school every day. Reading books will be changed as often as necessary. At this time we are not going to be continuing with Buster's book club.

In addition to reading, we expect the children to learn and practise times tables and weekly spellings which can be found in the blue reading record books. Weekly spelling checks will be recorded in the back of the reading record books, so that you can see your child's progress.

The children will continue to have home learning which needs to be completed to a high standard. This must be returned to school on a weekly basis as per the termly challenge sheet.

Welcome to Year 4, the Year 4 team are all looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun. The children have already settled in so well and we can't wait to see them blossom as the year progresses. We would like to thank you all in advance for supporting your children's learning during their time in Year 4.

Class Teacher Contact

Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please send a message via Class Dojo. Absences can be reported via ParentMail, or by telephone (01622 726391). To advise us of a change in collection arrangements, please telephone the office (by 2:15pm where possible) or let the class teacher know the day before. Please note that Dojo's may not be checked during the day, so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

We will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via Class Dojo. We may also need to call you from time to time.

Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge